

(b) For purposes of this section, the victim's status as an elderly individual is determined according to the victim's age at the time of the offense.

(c) A law enforcement agency that investigates an offense described by Subsection (a) shall report the investigation to the department in the form and manner and at regular intervals as prescribed by rules adopted by the department. The rules must require submission of the original investigative report and any supplemental investigative report containing new, significant information.

(d) To identify a person committing or suspected of committing an offense described by Subsection (a) or a victim of an offense described by that subsection, the department shall analyze information received under this section and any other corresponding information possessed by the department.

(e) The department shall make the analysis required by this section available to any local law enforcement agency, political subdivision, or state agency to the extent the analysis is reasonably necessary or useful to the agency or subdivision in carrying out duties imposed by law on the agency or subdivision. This subsection may not be construed to enable direct access by a person to information analyzed by the department under this section if the person does not otherwise have direct access to that information. Dissemination of the analysis required by this section is subject to all confidentiality requirements imposed by other law.

SECTION 2. The Department of Public Safety of the State of Texas shall establish the rules and procedures necessary to comply with Section 411.051, Government Code, as added by this Act, not later than October 1, 2001.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2001.

Passed by the House on April 27, 2001, by a non-record vote; passed by the Senate on May 22, 2001: Yeas 30, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting.

Approved June 14, 2001.

Effective September 1, 2001.

CHAPTER 790

H.B. No. 196

AN ACT

relating to the adoption of standards for the practice of air conditioning and refrigeration contracting.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Section 2(10), Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Contractor License Law (Article 8861, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), is amended to read as follows:

(10) "Mechanical integrity" means physical installation of products, systems, or equipment in accordance with their intended purpose and according to:

(A) standards at least as strict as the standards set forth in the Uniform Mechanical Code and the International Mechanical Code ~~[published jointly by the International Conference of Building Officials and the International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials, or their successor organizations, or the Standard Mechanical Code published by the Southern Building Code Congress International, Inc., or its successor organization];~~

(B) all other applicable codes; and

(C) the manufacturer's specifications.

SECTION 2. Section 3(a), Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Contractor License Law (Article 8861, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), is amended to read as follows:

(a) The commissioner shall adopt rules for the practice of air conditioning and refrigeration contracting consistent with this Act. The standards prescribed by rule must be at least as strict as the standards set forth in the Uniform Mechanical Code published [jointly] by [the International Conference of Building Officials and] the International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials *and the International Mechanical Code published by the International Code Council* [or the Standard Mechanical Code published by the Southern Building Code Congress International, Inc., as those codes exist at the time the rules are adopted]. The commissioner shall enforce this Act and may adopt rules relating to enforcement requirements.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2001.

Passed by the House on April 25, 2001, by a non-record vote; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 196 on May 24, 2001, by a non-record vote; passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 22, 2001: Yeas 30, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting.

Approved June 14, 2001.

Effective September 1, 2001.

CHAPTER 791

H.B. No. 217

AN ACT

relating to the regulation of plumbing.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Section 2(5), The Plumbing License Law (Article 6243-101, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), is amended to read as follows:

(5) "Plumbing Inspector" means any person employed by a political subdivision, *or who contracts as an independent contractor with a political subdivision*, for the purpose of inspecting plumbing work and installations in connection with health and safety laws and ordinances, who has no financial or advisory interests in any plumbing company, and who has successfully fulfilled the examinations and requirements of the Board.

SECTION 2. Section 3(a), The Plumbing License Law (Article 6243-101, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), is amended to read as follows:

(a) The following acts, work and conduct shall be expressly permitted without license:

(1) Plumbing work done by a property owner in a building owned or occupied by him as his homestead;

(2) Plumbing work done *on a property that is:*

(A) *located in a subdivision or on a tract of land that is not required to be platted under Section 232.0015, Local Government Code; or*

(B) *not connected to a public water system; and*

(C) *located outside the municipal limits of any organized city, town or village in this state*[-or within any such city, town or village of less than five thousand (5,000) inhabitants, unless required by ordinance in such city, town or village of less than five thousand (5,000) inhabitants];

(3) Plumbing work done by anyone who is regularly employed as or acting as a maintenance man or maintenance engineer, incidental to and in connection with the business